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TAGS: EAID, LE, US

SUBJECT: SAVE-THE-CHILDREN FEDERATION (SCF) PROJECT

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1. SUBSTANCE OF CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL BEARS ONLY  
MARGINAL RELATIONSHIP TO CONTENT OF CONTACTS BETWEEN SCF  
AND AID AND STATE IN WASHINGTON.

2. SCF ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL PRIVATE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES  
(PVOS) WHICH HAVE SUBMITTED PROPOSALS AFTER LEARNING OF  
AVAILABILITY AID FUNDS FOR LEBANON. SCF, WHICH HAS HISTORY  
OF OPERATIONS IN LEBANON AND REPRESENTATIVES ON THE GROUND  
THERE, ORIGINALLY PROPOSED PROGRAM WHICH COMBINED LIMITED  
RELIEF OPERATIONS AS WELL AS PROJECT IN UPPER BAALBECK  
AREA (WHERE THEY HAVE WORKED PREVIOUSLY) TO RESTORE  
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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION TO LEVELS ATTAINED PRIOR TO RECENT  
STRIFE.

3. IN WRITTEN REPLY AS WELL AS MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS  
LEBANON TASK FORCE, SCF WAS INFORMED THAT WE DO NOT PLAN  
FUND FURTHER RELIEF ACTIVITIES AS WE BELIEVE THIS ASPECT  
OF SITUATION ALREADY WELL IN HAND. WE DID INFORM THEM THAT

WE PREPARED CONSIDER FUNDING REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES OF THE KIND PROPOSED IN BAALBECK REGION, PROVIDED THE PROPOSAL WAS BASED UPON SOUND FIELD RESEARCH AND WE HAD ASSURANCES THAT THE PROJECT ENVISAGED COMPLEMENTED OTHER ASSISTANCE AND FIT WITHIN THE GENERAL PROGRAM OF THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT. WE DID NOT RPT NOT "PUSH" SCF TO UNDERTAKE THIS ACTIVITY AND WOULD NOT WISH TO "COMPLICATE" ITS WORK. IN FACT, WE MERELY INDICATED THAT WE WOULD ENTERTAIN PROPOSALS FOR THE REHABILITATION (BUT NOT DEVELOPMENT OR EXPANSION) OF AGRICULTURE, WHICH WAS SCF SUGGESTION, OR EDUCATION OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE FIELD.

4. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS, SCF OFFICIALS IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE INFORMED AID THAT THEY HAVE UNDERTAKEN FIELD RESEARCH IN LEBANON AND HOPE TO SUBMIT A REVISED PROPOSAL AS EARLY AS NEXT WEEK. THEY HAVE NOT INDICATED THAT THEIR PROPOSAL WILL BEAR A DOLS 1.5 MILLION PRICE TAG (ORIGINALLY THEY REQUESTED DOLS 5/600,000) NOR THAT THEY CONTEMPLATED AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM FOR ALL OF LEBANON; THEY WERE CLEARLY INFORMED THAT AVAILABLE FUNDS ARE LIMITED AND THAT THERE ARE MANY COMPETING REQUESTS FOR THEM. THEY SHOULD ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT OUR READINESS TO CONSIDER THEIR PROPOSAL DOES NOT REPRESENT A COMMITMENT TO FUND IT.

5. WE ARE PREPARED TO REVIEW THEIR PROPOSAL WHEN SUBMITTED AND, IF WE BELIEVE IT HAS MERIT, WE WILL SEEK EMBASSY'S VIEWS. WE DO NOT PROPOSE, FOR REASONS OF MANPOWER AND EFFICIENCY, TO TROUBLE EMBASSY WITH CLEARLY UNACCEPTABLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PVO APPLICATION, BUT HAVE ALWAYS SOUGHT EMBASSY COMMENTS PRIOR TO TAKING DECISIONS ON SUCH PROPOSALS. FOR EMBASSY INFORMATION, ONLY PVO IN LEBANON FUNDED BY AID IS CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE, ON WHOSE APPLICATION THERE WAS SUBSTANTIAL VOLUME OF CABLE TRAFFIC BETWEEN BEIRUT AND WASHINGTON LAST FALL.

6. YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT REAR ECHELON HAS INTERESTS OF TROOPS FIRMLY IN MIND. REMEMBER, HOWEVER, THAT THE INCOMING ROUNDS DUMPED ON THE TRENCHES INEVITABLY INCLUDE CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF DUDS.  
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